



# EXCELLENCE IN TRANSPORTATION AWARD

Application must be received by the ITD Awards Coordinator by **April 20, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

## Eligibility

Any firm or agency engaged in transportation related projects in Idaho is eligible to enter. Submitted projects must be located in Idaho.

The entry must be associated with a transportation improvement, project or funded by transportation dollars that benefits the public. Projects must have reached substantial completion of development within the last three calendar years inclusive of the current year. Entries submitted in previous years may be resubmitted if it still complies with the aforementioned time span.

Winning entries from previous years are ineligible. A project may be entered in as many categories as desired; however, a separate application must be submitted for each category entry which addresses its specified criteria. Please respond to each of the following criteria.

## Transportation Planning Criteria

- 1.) **Narrative:** Please provide a brief narrative explaining why this project is a candidate for the *Excellence in Transportation Award, Transportation Planning*.
- 2.) **Modeling and Technology Applications:** Describe how the program uses modeling or other technology applications to strengthen transportation planning. Such applications include travel demand forecasting, geographic information systems, global positioning systems, visualization tools, incident management systems, etc. Discuss how the program assesses current and potential problems, develops alternative solutions, and/or evaluates alternatives through scenario planning.
- 3.) **Land Use Integration:** Describe how the program promotes the coordination of transportation systems with land use and economic development. Discuss how the program ensures the protection and enhancement of the environment, improves quality of life, and promotes consistency between transportation improvements and State/Local planned growth and economic development patterns. Discuss how the program promotes sustainability through the provision of safe, effective, and efficient access and mobility into the future while considering economic, social, and environmental goals.
- 4.) **Partnerships and Collaboration:** Describe any partnerships that were formed to facilitate the coordinated planning efforts of this program and how these partnerships made a difference. Are there any mechanisms in place to foster the continuation of these partnerships? Were non-traditional groups represented as well, such as those outside the transportation arena?

- 5.) **Public Involvement:** Does the program broaden participation in the transportation planning process by reaching engaging new public sectors? Discuss any innovative uses of public involvement methods and how this has made a positive difference in the program. Include how collaboration with the public has effected decision making, the transportation planning process, and project development.
- 6.) **Additional Comments:** The project may have succeeded in some areas but struggled with other criteria. Please explain where issues existed or provide information that did not fit in the above criteria.
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Use a **maximum of five pages** to answer the above listed criteria.

- Do not assume the judges are already knowledgeable of your project or understand transportation projects from a planning prospective.
- The inclusion of photos to better illustrate your answers is highly recommended although not required.
- An appendix may be attached to the end of your application containing articles, awards, press releases that showcase why your project is exemplary. Judges may look over this material presented but the appendix itself is not a judged criterion for this award.

*Entries must be deemed "award-worthy." Judges do have the right to decide that a Transportation Planning award will not be presented if they believe the submitted entries do not meet the above criteria.*